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- The service staff of the school consists of 125 Bulgarian military personnel; the supply staff of 85 or 90 Bulgarian military, and there is a civilian staff of 55 or 60.
- 7. The school has about 1,050 or 1,070 students, who are divided into classes according to their branches of service. The course is three years, but the last year is shorter and lasts only eight months. There are two main branches of instruction: political and ideological, and theoretical and practical training in arms.
- 8. The day's activity begins at 6 a.m. with gymnastics. There are two hours of political and two hours of military instruction in the forences. The political instruction is along two main themes: Marxism-Leninism, and the history of the Soviet Union and the modern economic order. In the afternoon there is theoretical teaching and practical instruction with arms, in the barracks and the immediate neighborhood. Once a week there are general arms and field exercises for all classes either on the Vitosa Planina or the Iulin Flanina, both near Sofia. Bad weather is no hindrance. Exercises in defense against partisans are also conducted in the mountains. Practice alarms are usually held once a week, by day or night.
- 9. The youngest class age is 17, the oldest 20. Students are accepted after completing a course in an intermediate school. They wear the infantry uniform of the Bulgarian Army, but without rank or service insignia. They receive a complete new outfit of clothing on being admitted. Many selected young Communists are also admitted if they have obtained certificates in a quick training (Schnellsieder) course. Applications for admission must be approved in every case by the local Communist Party organization. The parents must be active Party members. Simple Party membership is not enough.
- 10. The food in the school is excellent, outstandingly better and more varied than in any branch of the army.
- 11. Leaves are given once a year, in summer. Otherwise there are no leaves except in case of the death of parents, radiway No. 5, to Kng azhev...
- 12. The school is fully motorized. It has 10 passenger cars and 82 or 84 trucks. Students have their own driving school. On turnouts the vehicles are driven by students. There are no armored vehicles mor horses, consequently the school does not train cavalry or armored force officers.
- 13. Equipment and Armanent. There are large quantities of all kinds of light weapons. Of heavy weapons there are 3 light antitank cannon, 8 medium antitank guns, six 76.2 mm field guns, six 152 mm such six 122 mm howitzers, eight 37 mm antiaircraft guns, six 85 mm antiaircraft guns, six 20 light machine guns, 20 heavy machine guns, twenty 82 mm mortars, twenty 50mm mortars. There are also single pieces of special artillery, much signal equipment and radio and belephone equipment, many modern tools, bridge construction and engineering material, and equipment for gas and air defense, including rubber clothing,

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